

In the claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the subject application.

1. (Currently amended) A biodegradable stretched film comprising:
a biodegradable polymer; and
a water soluble polymer, wherein the film has a thickness from about 0.01 to about 5 mils, is breathable and further wherein the film is porous and wettable and is stretched from about 100 to about 500 percent of an original length to provide a water vapor transmission rate greater than about 2500 g/m²/24 hrs and an elongation at break of greater than about 100%.
2. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the biodegradable polymer is an aliphatic polyester.
3. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the biodegradable polymer is selected from the group consisting of polycaprolactone, polybutylene succinate, poly(butylene succinate-adipate), polylactic acid, terpolymers of terephthalic acid, adipic acid, and 1,4-butanediol, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.
4. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the water soluble polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol, polyvinyl alcohol, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.
5. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the water soluble polymer is polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol or a copolymer thereof.
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16. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein the biodegradable polymer is polycaprolactone and the water soluble polymer is polyethylene oxide.
17. (Canceled)
18. (Canceled)
19. (Canceled)
20. (Previously Presented) The film of claim 1 having a water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 3000 g/m²/24 hrs.
21. (Previously Presented) The film of claim 1 having a water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 3500 g/m²/24 hrs.
22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented) The film of claim 1 having an elongation at break of greater than about 200%.
24. (Previously Presented) The film of claim 1, wherein the film includes from about 1% to about 50% water soluble polymer by weight of the film.
25. (Previously Presented) The film of claim 1, wherein the film includes from about 5% to about 30% water soluble polymer by weight of the film.
26. (Previously Presented) The film of claim 1, wherein the film includes from about 50% to about 99% biodegradable polymer by weight of the film.
27. (Previously Presented) The film of claim 1, wherein the film includes from about 70% to about 95% biodegradable polymer by weight of the film.
28. (Canceled)
29. (Previously Presented) The film of claim 1 having a thickness of from about 0.01 to about 2 mils.